

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kenneth Ogami, et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2123
Application No.: 09/989,762)	
)	Confirmation No.: 2087
Filed: November 19, 2001)	
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For: System and Method for Performing)	
Next Placements and Pruning of)	Date: January 22, 2010
Disallowed Placements for)	
Programming an Integrated Circuit)	

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the Request for Continued Examination to be considered with the IDS for the above referenced application. In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited is or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b), nor as an admission that the information constitutes prior art within the meaning of 35 USC §§ 102 and/or 103.

It is respectfully requested that the information listed on the PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information was considered.

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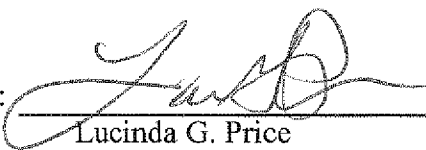
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.20 and 1.21 that may be required to maintain pendency of the present application, and to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-3781.

Should the Patent Office have any questions regarding this submission or the application in general, the Patent Office is urged to contact the Applicant's attorney, Lucinda G. Price, by telephone at (408) 545-7194. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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